Quarterly Population Report

Second Quarter 2014

Alberta's growth continues to lead provinces, despite a modest slowdown[1]

For the fourteenth straight quarter, Alberta led all provinces in population growth. Alberta's population increased by about 35,000 or 0.86% in the second quarter, to 4,121,692 as of July 1. Alberta's growth was almost 2.5 times the national average. Among the provinces, second quarter growth was concentrated in the Prairie region, as only Saskatchewan (0.47%) and Manitoba (0.43%) expanded faster than the national average (0.35%).

Year-over-year, Alberta's population expanded by 2.9%[2], nearly triple the national rate (1.1%) (Table 1). Over this period, Alberta added 114,493 residents, the second highest annual population gain on record. However, the province's population growth is showing signs of moderating, as year-over-year gains have edged down slightly in the last three quarters.

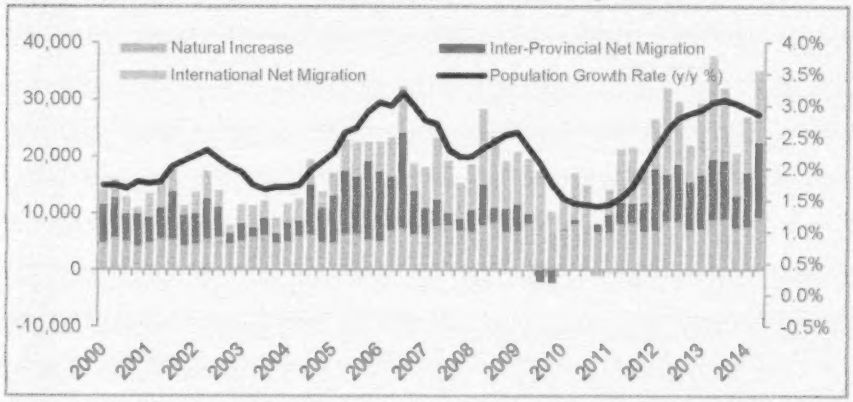
1 All data are from Statistics Canada. Estimates from 2007–2014 are based on the 2011 Census adjusted for net census undercount and incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves. All estimates are subject to revision.

2 This growth represents year-over-year variation (July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014)

Table 1: Population & Growth Rates Canada and Alberta

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
1-Jul	Canada	Alberta	1-Jul	Canada	Alberta
2009	33,628,571	3,679,092	2009	1.15%	2.32%
2010	34,005,274	3,732,573	2010	1.12%	1.45%
2011	34,342,780	3,790,191	2011	0.99%	1.54%
2012	34,752,128	3,888,632	2012	1.19%	2.60%
2013	35,154,279	4,007,199	2013	1.16%	3.05%
2014	35,540,419	4,121,692	2014	1.10%	2.86%

Figure 1: Alberta Components of Population Change, 2nd Quarter



With a median age of 36 years, Alberta continues to be the youngest among the provinces. Alberta recorded the lowest proportion of seniors (65+) at 11.4% and the highest proportion of working-age (15-64) population at 70.4%.

Revisions

Population estimates are revised annually, and may affect up to eight quarters of data. Necessary to ensure the best estimates possible, revisions take into account recent updates to data sources, or additional data sources only available on an annual basis.

The newly released estimates for Alberta revised the 2012-13 July to July growth rate from 3.5% to 3.0%, mainly due to lower estimated net interprovincial migration.

Table 2: Population of Provinces/ Territories

	Population July 1, 2014	Growth Rate y/y
Canada	35,540,419	1.10%
NL	526,977	-0.23%
PEI	146,283	0.53%
NS	942,668	-0.03%
NB	753,914	-0.23%
QC	8,214,672	0.74%
ON	13,678,740	0.94%
MB	1,282,043	1.31%
SK	1,125,410	1.73%
AB	4,121,692	2.86%
BC	4,631,302	1.06%
YT	36,510	0.40%
NWT	43,623	-0.50%
NVT	36,585	3.25%

Migration

Alberta's growth was driven mainly by migration. In the second quarter, Alberta welcomed 25,757 new residents from other parts of Canada and the world, while 81,195 net migrants arrived year-over-year. Although down slightly from the highs of last year, these migration levels were the second highest on record (Figure 1).

Interprovincial migration

The 13,204 net interprovincial migrants to Alberta between April and June represented the second largest second quarter net inflow on record. In addition to Alberta four other jurisdictions saw net interprovincial inflows in the second quarter. However, Alberta's net gain was seven times that of British Columbia, the next largest recipient. Ontario (7,958), Quebec (3,847) and Manitoba (1,371) saw the largest net losses (Table 3).

Alberta gained residents from every part of Canada except Nunavut where the net exchange was relatively balanced. Most of the province's new residents arrived from Ontario (5,839) and Quebec (1,527) (Table 3).

Net International Migration

In the second quarter, Alberta settled 12,708 immigrants – the highest level on record. The province continues to attract an increasing share of immigrants to Canada. In the year preceding July 1, Alberta's 15.3% represented the third highest share behind Ontario (38.0%) and Quebec (19.3%).

Despite the unprecedented number of immigrants over the last year (41,016), net international migration was down from last year's record (Table 4). This drop was due to a dramatic reduction in net inflows of non-permanent residents (NPRs).

The downward revision of NPR inflows to Alberta was mainly due to the introduction of a new data source used by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to allocate NPRs to specific provinces/territories.

Nonetheless, net international migration is a key driver of growth in Alberta, accounting for 36% of the second quarter growth and expanding the population by 1.0% year-over-year.

Natural increase

In the second quarter of 2014, Alberta posted a natural increase of 9,296, the result of 15,042 births and 5,246 deaths. The provincial population grew by 0.23% in the second quarter due to natural increase alone.

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Map 1: Net Population Movement for Alberta April 1 to June 30, 2014

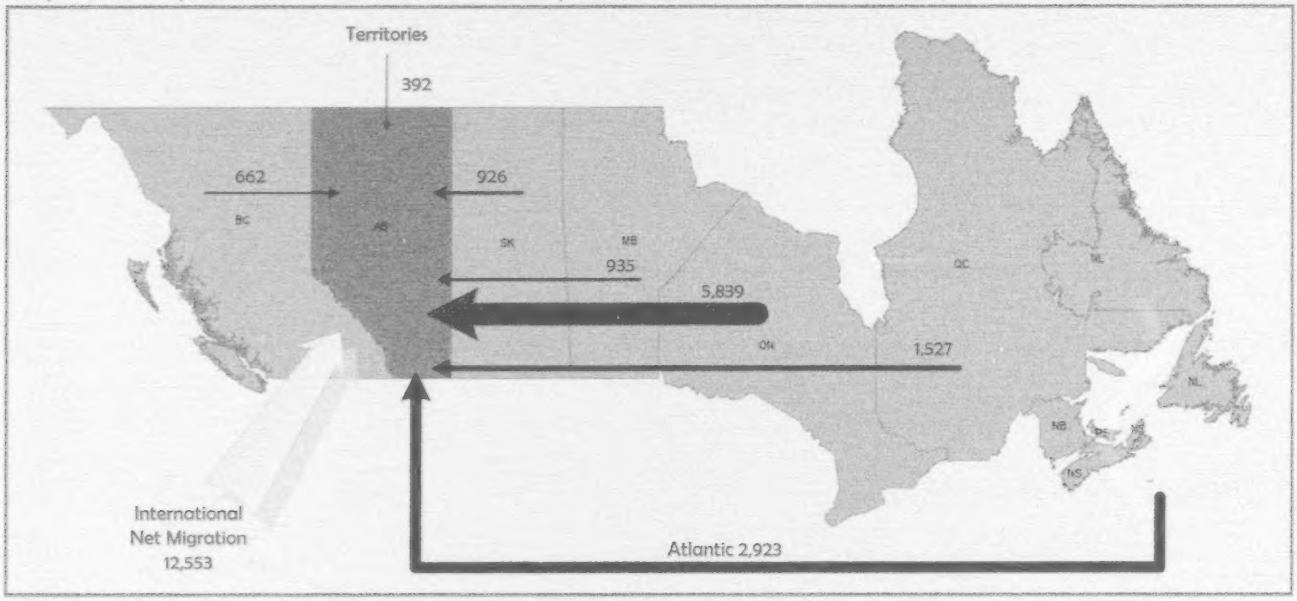

Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants April 1 to June 30, 2014

Origin \ Destination	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
NL	0	33	357	102	106	560	34	43	1,854	133	27	71	0
PEI	68	0	114	95	28	426	6	22	294	93	0	6	7
NS	373	220	0	836	175	1,330	20	65	1,717	442	33	64	28
NB	168	77	1,022	0	403	992	68	130	1,402	371	26	41	20
QC	107	53	235	571	0	5,910	162	321	2,425	973	63	5	109
ON	800	349	2,294	1,071	4,353	0	1,280	1,990	10,530	5,403	77	126	126
MB	35	0	113	51	167	1,399	0	812	1,811	1,081	26	15	5
SK	26	14	112	31	250	1,074	654	0	3,480	1,398	29	20	59
AB	958	91	726	569	898	4,691	876	2,554	0	8,245	71	147	81
BC	188	28	362	217	604	3,870	991	965	8,907	0	259	195	12
YT	0	0	0	0	12	56	0	35	151	284	0	21	11
NWT	11	18	46	0	37	74	29	138	485	113	29	0	42
NVT	0	16	9	0	54	59	24	0	55	34	13	80	0

	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
IN	2,734	899	5,390	3,543	7,087	20,441	4,144	7,075	33,111	18,570	653	791	500
OUT	3,320	1,159	5,303	4,720	10,934	28,399	5,515	7,147	19,907	16,598	570	1,022	344
NET	-586	-260	87	-1,177	-3,847	-7,958	-1,371	-72	13,204	1,972	83	-231	156

Q2 2014	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Outflow to AB	1,854	294	1,717	1,402	2,425	10,530	1,811	3,480	0	8,907	151	485	55
Inflow from AB	958	91	726	569	898	4,691	876	2,554	0	8,245	71	147	81
Net Flow to AB	896	203	991	833	1,527	5,839	935	926	0	662	80	338	-26

Table 4: Alberta Components of Growth by Quarter

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2009-10													
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,280	2,040	695	1,444	8,574	6,554	13,697	4,887	15,364
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,279	483	695	3,376	1,174	12,397	5,576	7,995
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-126	1,247	476	669	5,582	5,730	12,263	5,178	12,815
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-668	1,531	630	1,216	8,116	8,919	13,165	5,029	17,055
Total	57,958	61,229	-3,271	30,005	0	6,097	2,284	4,024	25,648	22,377	51,522	20,670	53,229
2010-11													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,792	2,165	710	1,942	6,760	6,759	13,218	5,110	14,867
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,610	1,511	475	868	-1,061	269	12,222	5,438	7,053
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-309	1,607	471	852	4,381	7,541	12,203	5,582	14,162
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,460	1,459	628	1,569	9,331	13,285	13,210	5,176	21,319
Total	63,975	55,532	8,443	30,457	-7,251	6,742	2,284	5,231	19,411	27,854	50,853	21,306	57,401
2011-12													
Jul-Sep	20,972	17,495	3,477	8,970	2,607	2,966	680	1,843	9,774	13,251	13,404	5,117	21,538
Oct-Dec	14,677	9,560	5,117	7,690	6	1,550	548	795	6,393	11,510	12,223	5,358	18,375
Jan-Mar	21,569	10,849	10,720	7,520	2,560	1,529	528	794	8,817	19,537	12,740	5,712	26,565
Apr-Jun	23,619	15,281	8,338	10,386	5,391	1,621	529	1,432	15,059	23,397	13,870	5,304	31,963
Total	80,837	53,185	27,652	34,566	10,564	7,666	2,285	4,864	40,043	67,695	52,237	21,491	98,441
2012-13													
Jul-Sep	23,833	13,735	10,098	9,086	3,701	3,001	680	1,843	10,949	21,047	13,856	5,317	29,586
Oct-Dec	14,808	6,394	8,414	9,103	-1,336	1,571	548	795	6,443	14,857	12,679	5,575	21,961
Jan-Mar	19,648	10,163	9,485	8,095	5,737	1,549	528	794	12,549	22,034	13,230	5,944	29,320
Apr-Jun	26,313	15,712	10,601	10,582	8,330	1,640	529	1,432	18,175	28,776	14,446	5,522	37,700
Total	84,602	46,004	38,598	36,866	16,432	7,761	2,285	4,864	48,116	86,714	54,211	22,358	118,567
2013-14													
Jul-Sep	26,616	16,347	10,269	9,156	5,487	3,032	680	1,843	12,774	23,043	14,483	5,543	31,983
Oct-Dec	17,477	11,814	5,663	8,806	-60	1,587	548	795	7,406	13,069	13,248	5,808	20,509
Jan-Mar	24,296	14,715	9,581	10,346	699	1,566	528	794	9,745	19,326	13,809	6,187	26,948
Apr-Jun	33,111	19,907	13,204	12,708	601	1,658	530	1,432	12,553	25,757	15,042	5,746	35,053
Total	101,500	62,783	38,717	41,016	6,727	7,843	2,286	4,864	42,478	81,195	56,582	23,284	114,493